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SELECTMEN, TREASURER,
AND
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OF THE
TOWN OF MERRIMACK,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1886.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1886.

HIGHWAYS.

Paid John L. Reed, Highway District No. 1,	\$37 65
John French, " " " 2,	18 45
John Wheeler, " " " 3,	56 75
Daniel Jones, " " " 4,	58 11
T. C. Kittredge, " " " 5,	28 65
A. A. Junkins, " " " 6,	13 65
George Watkins, " " " 7,	22 36
James L. Windell, " " " 8 & 20,	83 50
Reuben Barns, " " " 9,	42 00
Geo. S. Parkhurst, " " " 10,	10 44
C. A. Harris, " " " 11,	73 50
W. H. Patterson Heirs, " " " 12,	24 10
Geo. R. Green, " " " 13,	15 00
Hazen G. Dodge, " " " 14,	9 80
Horatio Bowers, " " " 15,	23 00
Samuel Humphrey, " " " 16,	30 62
Herman S. Fields, " " " 17,	32 70
Everett E. Parker, " " " 18,	50 65
George W. West, " " " 19,	24 98
F. D. McGilvrey, " " " 21,	6 00
E. D. Franklin, team for road machine,	36 87
Arthur Bills, " " "	180 00
C. C. Beard, labor on road machine and cash paid for repairs,	60 80

Paid J. B. Elliott, repairing and painting road machine,	\$19 75
Hugh McKean, posts and railing,	3 58
H. S. Patten, railing,	4 09
H. F. Green, blasting rock in highway,	5 75
Anson S. Longa, labor on highway,	9 00
Aaron Mears, " "	3 75
Geo. H. Seaverns, snowing bridge, old bill,	5 45
Lewis J. McIntire, breaking roads, old bill,	2 84
Ichabod W. Sanderson, " " "	4 50
Albert A. Junkins, " " "	14 18
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	\$1,012 47

BRIDGES.

Paid Fessenden & Lowell, plank and stringers,	\$137 66
James L. Windell, labor with team on Poll brook culvert,	87 25
James L. Windell, stone for culvert,	15 00
Henry T. I. Blood, labor on culvert,	34 25
Henry S. Patten, " "	17 50
Anson S. Longa, " "	25 50
William D. Mitchell, " "	15 75
John Barns, " "	45 00
Tylor T. Longa, " "	4 50
John O'Brian, " "	1 50
Aaron Mears, " "	24 00
C. C. Beard, labor and cash paid out,	50 94
For use of Derrick,	15 00
S. W. Barlow, blacksmith work,	3 84
Geo. C. Ingalls, use of oxen,	1 50
A. A. Junkins, planking Seaverns' bridge and railing,	22 19
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	\$501 38

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid M. V. B. Greene, printing town reports,	\$28 00
H. B. Atherton, council relating to Pennichuck water works taxation in 1884,	12 00
Wm. T. Parker, services relating to Pennichuck water works taxation in 1884,	10 00
William T. Parker, services in Clough case,	7 00
C. H. Burns, council in Bixby case in 1882,	10 00
W. H. Reed, damage to baker's team and goods,	8 00
W. W. Pillsbury, returning births, deaths and cash paid for school notices,	9 50
C. C. Beard, appropriation for memorial day,	100 00
E. L. Bartlett, agent Detroit Safe Co., for safe,	290 00
J. T. Jones, agent Concord R. R., freight on safe	4 55
Fessenden & Lowell, team to move safe from depot,	1 25
William T. Parker, chairman of committee on repairs on town house,	2000 00
D. T. Jones, painting Thornton's Ferry cemetery fence,	11 25
Joseph Cross, labor on Gage tomb and grass seed,	2 03
J. W. Longa, labor with team on Gage tomb,	5 25
Cash paid for bounty on woodchucks,	18 50
Anson S. Longa, mowing cemetery near old town house,	2 25
Aaron Mears, mowing bushes and building gate at Reed's Ferry cemetery,	5 25
Mrs. W. H. Kennedy, watering trough,	3 00
John H. Upham, watering trough,	3 00

Paid Everett E. Parker, stationery, car fare and expenses,	\$11 04
Frank P. Jones, services at burials,	24 00
Joseph B. Pierce, damage to sheep by dogs,	8 00
Ward Parker, damage to sheep by dogs,	75 00
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	\$2648 87

COUNTY POOR.

Paid Burial of Child of Levi Allen,	\$17 00
W. W. Pillsbury, medical attendance of family of Ezra Duffee,	12 00
Mrs. Christina Worcester, care of Aszulah Worcester,	12 00
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	\$41 00

TOWN POOR.

Paid W. W. Pillsbury, supt. of schools, books for poor,	\$7 90
W. W. Pillsbury, medical attendance of Mary Sullivan,	3 00
Joseph Blanchard, tramps,	27 30
Provisions and wood furnished Mrs. Clough,	15 68
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	\$53 88

ABATEMENTS.

Paid Joseph P. King, over taxation,	\$1 06
Heirs of Thomas Parker, over taxation,	5 00
Dana R. Hutchinson, abatement on list of 1883,	3 85
Dana R. Hutchinson, discount on taxes,	124 20
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	\$134 11

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Wm. M. West, services as clerk,	\$35 00
“ “ “ supervisor,	10 00
Geo. W. Darrah, “ “	12 00
H. E. Herrick, “ “	7 00
W. W. Pillsbury, “ superintendent of schools,	60 00
C. S. Nesmith, “ trustee of Gage funds,	40 00
Dana R. Hutchinson, “ collector,	76 15
“ “ “ moderator,	5 00
M. P. Nichols, “ treasurer,	50 00
Everett E. Parker, “ 1st selectman,	80 00
C. C. Beard, “ 2d selectman,	70 00
Daniel Jones, “ 3d selectman,	50 00
Geo. W. Darrah, “ auditor,	2 00
Irving A. Porter, “ auditor,	2 00
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	\$499 15

RECAPITULATION.

Paid Highways,	\$1,012 47
Bridges and plank,	501 38
Incidental expenses,	2,648 87
County poor,	41 00
Town poor,	53 88
Abatements and discounts,	134 11
Town officers,	499 15
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	\$4,890 86

Most respectfully submitted.

EVERETT E. PARKER,
CLEAVELAND C. BEARD,
DANIEL JONES,
Selectmen of Merrimack.

We have examined the above accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

IRVING A. PORTER,
GEO. W. DARRAH.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Merrimack in acct. with M. P. Nichols, Treas.

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By cash on hand March 1, 1885,	\$218 44
Balance of bank account including all dividends declared on and before July 1, 1884,	3,872 07
Cash of D. R. Hutchinson, taxes collected for the year 1883,	31 78
Cash of D. R. Hutchinson, taxes collected for the year 1884,	1,028 71
Cash of D. R. Hutchinson, taxes collected for the year 1885,	2,991 63
Cash received as dividends on the Gage school funds,	725 74
Cash received of State Treasurer as railroad tax,	463 79
Cash received of State Treasurer as savings bank tax,	2,486 50
Cash received of State Treasurer as literary fund,	118 95
Cash received of State Treasurer as bounty on woodchucks,	18 50
Cash received for support of county paupers,	37 30
“ “ “ “ grave yard fence,	2 00
“ “ “ “ of D. R. Hutchinson, for interest on taxes for the year 1884,	10 76

Dividends on bank account declared July

1, 1885,	\$158 98
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	\$12,165 15
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DR.

Paid town orders drawn current year of 1883,	\$29 00
Orders drawn current year 1884,	197 50
Orders drawn current year 1885,	4,425 35
District agents, school money for 1885,	2,116 29
State Treasurer, state tax 1885,	1,468 00
County Treasurer, county tax 1885,	1,068 69
School house tax, District No. 1,	15 00
“ “ “ “ “ 4,	18 00
“ “ “ “ “ 6,	30 64
“ “ “ “ “ 2,	25 00
Balance in Treasurry Mar. 1, 1886,	\$2,771 68

	\$12,165 15
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*FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN,**March 1, 1886.*

Due to the town from D. R. Hutchinson, on his tax list for the year 1884,	\$11 10
To the town from D. R. Hutchinson on his tax list for the year 1885,	1,059 30
Balance of bank account and cash on hand,	2,771 68

	\$3,842 08
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LIABILITIES.

Unpaid orders drawn current year 1881,	\$11 50
Unpaid orders drawn current year 1882,	17 45
Unpaid orders drawn current year 1885,	465 51

Balance school money due District No. 8, .	\$27 11
Balance in favor of the town,	3,320 51

\$3,842 08

M. P. NICHOLS,
Town Treasurer.

MERRIMACK, March 1, 1886.

We have examined the above report of the Treasurer of the town of Merrimack and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

IRVING A. PORTER,
GEO. W. DARRAH,
Auditors of Merrimack.

MERRIMACK, March 1, 1886.

STATEMENT OF THE JOSEPH N. GAGE SCHOOL FUND,

March 1, 1886.

Manchester Savings Bank, Manchester, N. H.,	\$5,681 25
Amoskeag Savings Bank, Manchester, N. H.,	1,134 13
Guaranty Savings Bank, Manchester, N. H.,	2,393 75
Mechanics Savings Bank, Nashua, N. H.,	2,914 13
Seven shares Lawrence National Bank, Lawrence Mass.,	875 00
Twelve shares National Pemberton Bank, Lawrence, Mass.,	1,680 00
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	\$14,678 26
Income received and paid for the year ending July 1, 1885,	\$625 74

STATEMENT OF THE JANE N. GAGE SCHOOL FUND,

March 1, 1886.

Mechanics Savings Bank, Nashua, N. H.,	\$2,000 00
Income received and paid for the year ending July 1, 1885,	\$100 00
C. S. NESMITH, <i>Trustee.</i>	

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF MERRIMACK,
FOR THE
SCHOOL YEAR 1885-86.

REPORT.

The following is the report of your committee:—

Your committee does not feel that the large sum of school money expended during the past year has been generally used in the best manner, but allow me to congratulate you upon this being the last, at least for five years, of the pernicious district system.

The management of the schools will hereafter be by a Board of Education, and we may reasonably expect better schools in the future. Much will depend however in your selection of suitable persons for this board, and in your hearty co-operation with the same.

All petty feuds and troubles caused by the district system should be forgotten, and all work together for the advancement of the cause of education and the benefit of our scholars.

The distribution of the school money has been very unequal, one school having kept 37 weeks, another only 17.5 weeks, under the new system all schools will be equal in weeks at least.

In District No. 8 the school was broken up by the illness of the teacher during the winter term, twenty-seven dollars and eleven cents remaining unexpended.

In some districts the attendance has been poor, due in some few cases to sickness and in too many, I fear, to a lack of interest in the parents, they seeming to forget the necessity of an education for their children, but please remember this is doing an injury to your offsprings that

you are morally responsible for. See to it that your children attend school every day that is possible, and they will when older thank you for it.

It is my duty to again remind you of the improper seats found in all of the school buildings excepting at Reed's Ferry, and of the almost entire absence of means of ventilation, also the arrangement of the windows in regard to the light; many pupils may trace trouble with the eyes from this evil found in many school rooms. You will please remember that these three faults mentioned are an injury to your children physically, and it is in your power to remedy them and your bounden duty so to do.

Many school rooms need more blackboard surface, especially in district No. 5, and in this room the light is very bad. Both may be remedied at a small expense.

More seats are needed in Reed's Ferry school room, the seating capacity at present is for 30 pupils, while there were at one time this winter term 33 pupils, the committee borrowing seats to accommodate the surplus.

In compliance with a recent state law, Hutchinson's Laws of Health were introduced during the summer term.

Patterson's elements of grammar were at the same time substituted for Green's grammar. Both books have given good satisfaction.

Your committee has endeavored to enforce the use of Colburn's mental arithmetic, but with indifferent result, not indifferent as regards the use of the book, but the number of pupils studying the same.

SCHOOL MONEY.

The regular school revenue and the Gage fund for the year has been as follows:—

Dist.	Town apport.	Gage Fund.	Literary Fund.	Total.
1	\$91 12	\$67 12	\$10 23	\$168 47
2	81 42	37 76	10 23	129 41
3	289 78	146 82	10 23	446 83
4	146 78	58 73	10 23	215 74
5	91 36	71 32	10 23	172 91
6	72 59	29 37	10 23	112 19
7	118 13	134 24	10 23	262 60
8	79 52	29 36	10 23	119 11
9	113 34	96 48	10 23	220 05
10	36 76		5 13	41 89
11	117 42	20 97	10 23	148 62
12	46 28	33 57	5 13	84 98
	<hr/> \$1,284 50	<hr/> \$725 74	<hr/> \$112 96	<hr/> \$2,122 20

Each scholar receiving from the Gage fund four dollars, nineteen cents and five mills (\$4.195), the basis of apportionment being on the children in town the first day of April, between the ages of five and fifteen, as per census of selectmen.

Extra school money not included in this table was raised in district No. 12, the sum being \$20.60; this district also received from Amherst \$27.75. No. 6, also not included, received probably about \$20, no record of the exact sum having been received. District No. 10, not included in the table, received from Bedford regular money \$36.85, extra \$30, making a total of school money from all sources, \$2,257.40. The following sums were raised by the several districts for repairs: No. 1, \$15; No. 2, \$25; No. 4, for insurance, \$18; No. 6, \$30.64; total, \$88.64. Grand total for schooling and repairs, \$2,346.04.

In district No. 2, upon examination of the school building it was pronounced unsafe for school purposes and it was decided not to expend the money. At the

coming annual town school meeting you will be asked to raise money to build a new school house in this district, and for much needed repairs in other school buildings.

Census of school children in town April 1, 1885, between the ages five and fifteen, as furnished by the selectmen:—

DISTRICT.	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
1	7	9	16
2	6	3	9
3	20	15	35
4	5	9	14
5	8	9	17
6	3	4	7
7	18	14	32
8	5	2	7
9	10	13	23
10	none	none	none
11	1	5	6
12	5	3	8
	<hr/> 88	<hr/> 86	<hr/> 174

There are only two reported of the above, as not attending school during the school year. The number of official visits made the schools during the year, 52.

The following tables are completed to February 26, 1886. The school in district No. 7 being still in session, the report for the same cannot now be made complete.

A roll of honor is annexed to this report, under a protest, your committee believing it to be unfair to those pupils who if not detained at home by reason of sickness would have been just as worthy of special mention.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN W. PILLSBURY,

MERRIMACK, N. H., March 1, 1886.

Supt. School Com.

Dist. No.	Terms.	Teachers.	Wages per Month.	No. Weeks in Term.	Whole No. of Pupils.	Average No. of Pupils.	Per Ct. Daily Attend.	Per Ct. Yearly Attend.	Total Amt. School Money.	Prudential Committee.
1	Summer	Miss Fannie E. Brown	\$24 00	10	10	10	.888			George C. Ingalls.
1	Fall	Miss Fannie E. Brown	24 00	10	15	13	.928		\$168 47	
1	Winter	Miss Fannie E. Brown	24 00	10	14	11	.916	.911		Samuel Seavey.
2	Summer	Miss Clara S. Kittredge	24 00	8	6	5.7			129 41	
2	Winter	Miss Clara S. Kittredge	24 00	11.2	11	8.3	.922	.934		
3	Summer	Miss Abbie A. Severance	42 00	12	32	28	.93			Francis A. Gordon.
3	Fall	Miss Abbie A. Severance	42 00	12	31	29	.93			
3	Winter	Miss Abbie A. Severance	42 00	13	33	30	.93			Luther Read.
4	Summer	Miss Alice Richards	20 00	11	14	11	.916		446 83	George B. Griffin.
4	Fall	Miss Alice Richards	24 00	9	13	12.2	.97			
4	Winter	Miss Julia A. Bixby	33 50	11	11	9	.90	.928	215 74	George F. Spalding.
5	Summer	Miss Lizzie P. Marden	26 00	10	14	11.5	.927			
5	Winter	Miss Lizzie P. Marden	26 00	14.6	14	13.92	.892	.90	172 91	Joseph H. Foster.
6	Summer	Miss Annie L. Boutell	20 00	10	6	5.9	.91			
6	Winter	Miss Hattie M. Hartshorn	28 00	10	8	7	.875	.892	112 19	
7	Summer	Miss Kate I. Wiggin	22 00	12	24	19	.89			Dana R. Hutchinson.
7	Fall	Miss Kate I. Wiggin	24 00	10	24	15	.86		262 60	
7	Winter	Miss F. Maud Joy	26 00	9	25	23.2	.87	.87		James Wendell.
8	Summer	Miss Mattie E. Farnum	22 00	8	7	6.49	.94		119 11	Warren J. Ayer.
8	Winter	Miss Emma J. Fretts	24 00	7.6	7	6.51	.963	.95		
9	Summer	Miss Sarah C. Moulton	26 00	10	25	22	.916			
9	Fall	Miss Sarah C. Moulton	26 00	9.8	24	23	.956		220 05	Union Dist. with Bedford
9	Winter	Miss Sarah C. Moulton	28 00	13	21	15	.882	.918	41 89	John H. Bowers.
10	No Record.									
11	Summer	Miss Lucy Bowers	24 00	12	6	6	1.00			George E. Patterson.
11	Winter	Miss Lucy Bowers	24 00	12	5	4.9	.98	.99	148 62	
12	Summer	Miss Emma B. Winn	24 00	8.9	11	6.82	.844			
12	Winter	Miss Emma B. Winn	26 00	8.6	8	6.42	.892	.866	84 98	
27	Average for year		\$25 69	25.7	14.8	13.5		.917	\$2,122 80	

ROLL OF HONOR.

Including the names of all pupils who have been every half day of a term without being tardy :

DISTRICT NO. I.

Fall Term : Martha C. Worcester, Leon L. McIntire.

DISTRICT NO. II.

Summer Term : Lettie E. Clements, Maud Ella Seavey.

DISTRICT NO. III.

Summer Term : John D. Vickery, Arthur H. Truell.

Winter Term : Daisy B. Reed, Julia A. Watkins, Arthur G. Gordon, Frank H. Corning.

DISTRICT NO. IV.

Summer Term : Linnie M. Read, Viola A. Worcester, David S. Read, Bertie W. Blanchard.

Fall Term : Clara W. Griffin, Mabel C. Giddings, Bertie W. Blanchard, Luther F. Scagel.

Winter Term : Clara W. Griffin, Charles E. King.

DISTRICT NO. V.

Summer Term : Myrtie Ball, Marcia Ball, Mary A. McClure.

Winter Term : George Humphrey, Leon L. Lougee.

DISTRICT NO. VI.

Summer Term : Herbert G. Upham, May L. Foster.

Winter Term : Charles H. Fields.

DISTRICT NO. VII.

Summer Term : Mary A. Donovan.

Fall Term : Helen A. Plummer.

Winter Term : Helen A. Plummer, Laura A. Barlow, Mildred E. Beard, Edith Kilgore, Dora M. Stevens, Etta M. McGilvray, Frank A. Barlow, Fred E. Hutchinson, George J. Watkins.

DISTRICT NO. IX.

Summer Term : Lena A. Henderson, Arthur J. Seaverns, Josiah N. Henderson.

Fall Term : Lena A. Henderson, Frankie P. Ayer, Josie C. Ayer, Ada L. Seaverns, Josiah N. Henderson, Willie T. Henderson, Arthur J. Seaverns, George T. Gilmore.

Winter Term : Lena A. Henderson, Josiah N. Henderson.

DISTRICT NO. XI.

Summer Term : Minnie R. Karr, Lizzie M. Karr.

DISTRICT NO. XII.

Summer Term : Flora N. Hodgman.

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